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JULY TRIP TO ECHO SUMMIT AND VICINITY

The sixth Sierra Nevada field trip of the Golden Gate Audubon Society was held on July 12th and 13th. The trip was based at the Echo Summit Lodge of the California Alpine Club through the courtesy of Bonnie Smith. About 25 members and guests attended. A stretch of the old Meyers Grade road just north of the lodge proved to be an unusually good birding area and was visited repeatedly by individuals and by the group. This area is a rocky, brushy hillside with scattered large trees. A Townsend Solitaire nest was found here; the five young were banded by Richard Stallcup. Males and females (or immature males?) of both Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds were much in evidence and a Blue Grouse was seen by one observer. Pikas and a California Ground Squirrel were both observed in this area.

On Saturday morning there was a hike through the woods to Lake Audrain and in the afternoon to Echo Lake where most of the group took a boat trip around the lake. On Sunday morning, a wet meadow a short distance up the Luther Pass Road along the Upper Truckee River was visited. This proved to be an excellent birding area and yielded three Evening Grosbeaks, Traill's Flycatcher, Lincoln's Sparrow, Spotted Sandpiper and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Later, the group visited Grass Lake near Luther Pass, Red Lake, Carson Pass and finally Woods Lake.

The following 62 species were observed in the above areas; Turkey Vulture (Grass Lake), Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawk, Blue (Sooty) Grouse, Sora (?) (Grass Lake), Spotted Sandpiper, California Gull, Band-tailed Pigeon, Rufous and Calliope Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Red-breasted sub-species), Williamson's Sapsucker, Hairy and White-headed Woodpecker, Traill's, Hammond's and Dusky (Wright's) Flycatcher (the previous three species were identified primarily by habitat), Western Wood Pewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Violet-green, Tree and Cliff Swallow, Steller's Jay, Clark's Nutcracker (Carson Pass), Mountain Chickadee, White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, House and Rock Wren, Robin, Hermit (singing) and Swainson's Thrush, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Warbling Vireo, Orange-crowned, Nash-ville, Yellow, Audubon's, Hermit and Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-headed, Redwinged and Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-

headed Cowbird, Western Tanager, Evening Grosbeak, Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskin, Green-tailed Towhee, Oregon Junco, Savannah, Chipping, White-crowned, Fox, Lincoln's and Song Sparrow.

GUY MCCASKIE AND LAURENCE CURL, *Co-Leaders*.

CONSERVATION CAPSULES . . . EASILY DIGESTED

The issue, **SAVE OR SELL** the San Pablo Reservoir surplus lands, is still a live one. The EBMUD Citizens' Committee reminds us that the Sierra Club is offering reprints from a graphic, well-written issue of **THE YODELER** to inform all East Bay citizens of the vital need to withhold these lands from subdivision until thorough studies can be made and all possibilities of public acquisition explored. You can obtain some of these reprints for distribution in your club, PTA, Scout or union meeting by phoning Larry Williams of the Sierra Club, OLYmpic 4-6171. Act now!

DID YOU KNOW that, in spite of widespread publicity and bold statements from many public officials, our state, county and various municipal anti-litter laws are not being enforced in most of California. Arrests are pitifully few except for the most flagrant cases. We suspect that most patrolmen and other peace officers consider minor litter offences as too petty to bother about but you, dear reader and pledged conservationist, can help by cautioning offenders, making citizen's arrest with evidence, in flagrant or defiant cases and demanding that your law enforcement people do as much. We suggest that you request and show your organization the new 18-minute, color film, **KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**, distributed by Richfield Oil Co. It is amusing but shocking!

- - And what of Conservation versus the 85th Congress? It gave us a National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, shelved the Wilderness Bill for this session, produced a weak Billboard Control measure, promised help for research on harmful pesticides, restricted some of the Armed Forces' land-grabbing but failed to take a strong stand against several Northwest dam projects which would wipe out some fish, wildlife and scenic areas. Take it from there, fellow voters. Your legislators are coming home!

PAUL COVEL, *President*

FIELD NOTES—I have been watching a pair of Dippers. Their nest, though I can't see it, is behind a cascade just below the house. They come to the pool below the fall with insects in their beaks, pause a moment on its brink and then make a dash over the surface of the water using their wings as oars and disappear behind the cascade. They do not go through the fall but a little to one side of it. The most amusing moment is when they come floating out again on the current, amid the foam and the spray.—*Beth Snyder, Sattley, California.*

SEPTEMBER MEETING—CAMP SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT SUPPER

Get your reservation in **NOW** for the Western Barbecue Picnic Supper, at Sequoia Lodge, on Thursday, September 11, at 6 p.m. Sequoia Lodge is located on the upper (north) side of the Warren Freeway on Old Mountain

Boulevard and may be reached by turning off the Freeway at the Park Boulevard overcrossing, proceeding east up Ascot Drive and turning right and downhill on Mountain Boulevard to dead end at Sequoia Lodge gate.

Sequoia Lodge with its beautiful outdoor setting plus a patio and adjoining large rooms, affords the perfect place for a Western barbecue and the delightful program which is to follow. The program will consist of community singing of Western songs, speakers from this year's recently ended Audubon Camp and a fascinating lecture illustrated with slides by a young artist couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Berry. The lecture is entitled **WITH CAMERA AND SKETCHBOOK IN MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK**. The Berrys are noted for their Audubon mammal cards and for their many illustrations for the National Park Service.

Send in your reservation slip from the August Gull or write to:

Miss Margaret Milwain
6926 Sayre Drive
Oakland 11, California

\$3.00 per person.

When maximum number is reached reservations will be closed and all reservations must be in before September 8.

RIDERS WELCOME—The following members have kindly offered to carry passengers to the dinner meeting, September 11: Mrs. Glenn Hoover, 4488 Reinhardt Drive, Oakland, AN 1-3313; Mrs. Bonnie Smith, 555 Dewey Blvd., San Francisco, OV 1-7635; Mrs. Virgil Muhler, 5774 Scarborough Drive, Oakland, KE 2-7916. Phone them for arrangements if you live in their vicinity.

Other members who have room for passengers, please, call H. Van Gelder, TH 8-6417.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Mrs. Jack Cathcart, Mr. Zeke Desaulniers, Miss Bertha Landauer, Miss Adeliene Larson, Miss Helen Sorgenfrey, Mrs. F. F. Thomas, Jr.; from Piedmont, Mrs. George C. Jones; from St. Helena, Mrs. F. W. MacVeagh; from San Francisco, Miss Zella A. Christensen, Mr. G. T. Danz, Mrs. Dora Garibaldi, Mrs. Emily B. Harkness, Mr. W. F. Norberg, Miss Minnie Belle Shennan.

—ROBERTA LONG, *Membership Chairman*

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FIELD TRIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 13, to SAN FRANCISCO ZOO & MERCED LAKE. Meet at north entrance to Fleishhacker Zoo, on Sloat Blvd., at 9:15 a.m. Circuit of Lake Merced may be made to see a variety of water birds. Marsh Wren, Sora Rail and Warblers in migration are likely to be seen. A common Loon was on the lake recently. Bring lunch and interested friends. Leader, Arleen Pierson, JU 7-4163.

On Sunday, September 21, to BAY FARM ISLAND AND ALAMEDA. This date is probably at the peak of the southern migration of shore birds. The area is rapidly giving way to fills and buildings. Come and enjoy it while you can. A visit to frontage road along the freeway, East Oakland, may be made. Many Long-billed Curlews and Marbled Godwits were seen there last year at this time. Meet at 9 a.m., at High Street & Santa Clara Ave., in Alameda. Take Key System Bus 51 from Oakland or Berkeley, Bus D from San Francisco. Bring binoculars, telescope, interested friends and lunch if you wish to stay through the period of maximum movement of birds. Leader, Mrs. Junea W. Kelley, LA 2-7084.

FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 7 to 10 p.m., in library at Rotary Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland there will be a meeting of the Field Trips Committee. Purpose is to round out the balance of this year's field trips program and make recommendations for the 1959 schedules. Year and bird counts will also be discussed. All interested parties are invited to attend.

—HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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